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Week of:
October 5, 2014

grace CHURCH News

Sunday Series!
Jesus says...

NOW HEAR THIS!



celebrate
recovery



Kick-off Postponed to **November 3rd** !

We want this to be right! It's too important to rush!

Volunteers still needed for child care!

(mark the enclosed card if you want to help)

God's Vision for Grace Church:

To partner with God in transforming people from unbelievers to fully devoted disciples of Jesus to the glory of God!

Our Values at Grace Church:

1. We are unashamedly God centered!
2. We are passionately People-focused!
3. We are strategically Team Based!

Our Strategy for Making Disciples at Grace Church:

We seek to **REACH** ! people who need Jesus,
CONNECT ! them to God and other Christ followers,
FORM ! them to have a growing relationship with Jesus,
and **SEND** ! them into the world to serve God and others!

A Message from Pastor Arlene:

Last Wednesday if you were here, you heard our own Sam Rodriguez begin a message series about the transforming of our minds, from Romans 12:2 *Don't copy the behavior and the customs of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.*

What a great thing, that God wants to transform our minds. I know that I can fall prey to bad attitudes and outlooks on life. I say it's because of circumstances or people, but in reality, it's because of my looking to copy the behaviors and customs of this world. I get a worldly idea of fairness and I become sure that I am on the short end of the stick. I get a worldly idea of entitlement and I begin to grouse about what I don't have instead of praising God for what I do have.

I encourage each of you to remember that God wants to change the way you think. He is in the life transformation business, through his son Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. When you seek to copy the behavior and customs of his Kingdom, your mind becomes changed, and when you change your mind, well, you'll begin to see all kinds of miracles in your life. That's how it works for me, if I work it! Praise the Lord!

Join me in a mind-renewing journey through Jesus! I'm with you!!

Pastor Arlene Jackson ajackson@egracechurch.com





All About WORSHIP

Pianist: Amy Carothers

Choir Leader: Robin Tkac robinleez@comcast.net

Band Leader: Chris Jackson cj1234@hotmail.com

Worship Times:

Sunday Traditional Service at 8:30am (hymns, organ, robes!)

Sunday Contemporary Service at 10:00am (a kickin' band & jeans!)

Wednesday Contemporary Service at 6:30pm (a bit of everything!)

Celebrate Recovery Worship Service, every Monday

beginning November 3rd!" If you have a hurt, a habit, or a hang-up that is hurting your relationship with God, with others, and with yourself, this is the perfect healing place for you. Dinner will begin at 6:00, Worship will begin at 6:45, and 12 step recovery groups will start at 8:00. Break every chain through the power of our mighty God!

World Communion Sunday! Join us in Holy Communion this Sunday and Wednesday. If you know you need Jesus, you are welcome to come to the table! We use grape juice for those who cannot drink alcohol.

All About Wednesday Worship! This week: BAND

NIGHT! Every Wednesday you can expect something a little different. The first and third Wednesdays of the month are "lesson" nights, the second Wednesday is "Band Night" where we worship all the hour, and the fourth Wednesday is "testimony" night. If there is a fifth Wednesday we hold a "prayer night." Something for everyone! Worship begins at 6:30pm. Afterwards, enjoy free dinner at 7:30, and Christian 12 Step meetings: one for men, one for women at 8:00. Come be refueled by God in the middle of the week!

Do you play an instrument? Please share your gift with us by getting involved with worship. Mark your Let's Connect Card with a way to contact you if you want to give it a shot!



CHILDREN & YOUTH

Director of Children's Ministry: Venia Joray vjoray@egracechurch.com

Middle & High School Leader: Shannon Kania Shannon.Kania@gmail.com

Babies and Toddlers!

We love your little ones. Grace Church provides quality loving care during Sunday contemporary worship service and on Wednesday evenings!

Grace Kidz!

Calling all Elementary School aged children for crafts, Bible learning, worship and games during Sunday a.m. contemporary worship & Wednesday evening worship.

Coming in December!

The Winter wonderland of "Un-Frozen-do you want to meet a Savior?" Your help is needed-donating items, decorating, making snacks, skits and many other areas! Sign-ups coming soon! Pray about how God may use you to make this an amazing experience for Grace Kidz and their friends!!

Operation Christmas Child!

Grace Kidz are gearing up for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox campaign. We will spend the next 4 weeks learning: Why we give, Who we help, What's in it for me, & Outside the box!

Youth Group!

Middle School and High School students gather to hang out on Wednesday night at 6:30 for dinner, interaction with the regular worship service, as well as bible study, prayer, games, and general fun in the Youth House. Must like music, lock-ins, movies, road trips and food!

24/7 Experience!

Our high school youth are finishing up traveling with 7 of their peers across the country to meet with some radical Jesus-followers. Each session will include an interview with people who are making a difference in the world: Shane Claiborne (The Simple Way), Gary Haugen (International Justice Mission), Damian Boyd (College minister and national speaker), Steve Fee and Candi Pearson (Passion recording artists), and Ralph Winter (producer X-men). Stay tuned for what is coming next. We have a fantastic group of young people. If you know any youth or have some of these in your house be sure to invite them to join us!

REACH MINISTRY



Reach Leader: Chris Jackson coj1234@hotmail.com
Thrift Store Leader: Judith Seright serightjudith@yahoo.com

THRIFT STORE HOURS: FRIDAY—MONDAY 10AM—3PM

Volunteer at TURN AROUND! Make connections with the neighborhood, and let them know all about our church! Join this crazy team of sorters, sellers, checkers and stockers. Lend an ear and a hand to our neighbors! Are you good at lifting, sorting, and stocking shelves, then contact Judy to work during the week. Email Judy and take a shift!

Reach Team We will be planning many more events over the next few months. Our annual Community Festival is coming the first weekend in December. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss all the fun. Watch here for more information and how you can be a part of this year's many activities.

Car Wash #2 We will again be going to Trinity UMC on October 25th. Save the date!



CONNECT MINISTRY

Connect Leader: Sharon Woods skaywoods63@gmail.com

Food, Glorious Food! Every week the Kitchen Team serves over 400 meals ...with no budget to buy the food! All donations of food are appreciated. Some of the items we always need are as follows: coffee, juice, lemonade mix, pancake mix, peanut butter, jelly, yellow rice, dishwashing soap, cereal, powdered coffee creamer, sugar and did I mention **COFFEE**. Donate any of these items or anything else you might have by dropping them in the office and don't forget to come and enjoy the good food!

Acts of Grace— Come join this fun-loving group of people as they use their gifts to illustrate some of Jesus' parables. New people are always welcome to join this open group. They will be meeting at 8:30am on Saturday for the next 6 weeks as they prepare to illustrate some of Jesus' parables. Check them out, join in!

CONNECT MINISTRY continued...

Visitation Team! Come join us to visit, call, email or write those who are new to our church. We try to contact each new visitor every week. Perhaps your heart leans towards those who are ill, shut-in, or in the hospital. This team visits those people as well. Mark your "Let's Connect" card to be a part of this team.

Hospitality Volunteers! Are you friendly? That is all it takes to help for Sunday or Wednesday at the **Welcome Desk** as a **Greeter**, or as an **Usher**. You can serve in the **Parking Lot** and wear the cool orange day-glo-vest! Mark your "Let's Connect" card and we'll contact you!

Men's Club! Next meeting for the Men's Club is Thursday, October 9th at 6:30pm. Join the group and enjoy a great dinner, good conversation, friendship and devotions .

Movie Night is Coming! Saturday, October 11th is our next Free Movie Night. We will be showing "Mercy Rule" a movie that reminds us we don't have to do everything on our own but rely on friends, teammates, family and most importantly our faith.



FORM MINISTRY

Form Leader: Sharon Davis

sdavis@egracechurch.com

Walk to Emmaus! The object of the Gulf Coast Walk to Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip the body of Christ in Southwest Florida for Christian Action. This is a 3 day retreat. If you haven't been on this walk and would like to attend, check the FORM wall for an application. Next Walks: Men's: January 15-18. Women's: January 22-25, 2015.

University of the Holy Spirit! The Grace Church daily Bible reading and devotion plan where you are guaranteed to get a personal word from God every single day! Bookmarks now available for October—December. Never done the "UHS"? Start with the Matthew 28 day challenge or the Acts 28 day challenge. Get any of these bookmarks on the FORM wall!!!

Prayer Team! Is God calling you to pray? This team prays over the prayer requests, the seats in the sanctuary, the Pastor, the church, and the people who come to the altar rail during worship services. There is always room on this team and many different areas for you to fit into. Prayer works! Be a praying part of God's plan for this neighborhood! See Sharon about joining this team.

Small Groups — Tired of doing life on your own? Would you like to have a group who would share you joys and sorrows? Small Groups do this! Consider joining one



SEND MINISTRY

Send Leader: Terry Rhodes

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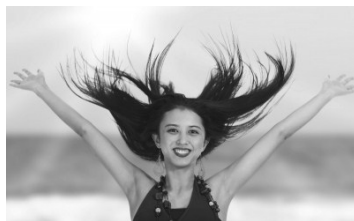
Mission Prayer Focus: Each week there are cards of encouragement to sign in the hallway. This week we are asking you to sign the card as well as focus your prayers on our mission partners Ray & Lidia Zirlrel who serve in Costa Rica through the United Methodist Church.

Global mission conference— February 4-8, 2015. There are many opportunities to get involved now. If you are interested in being involved mark your "Let's Connect" card, email Terry Rhodes or contact Kelly Duffy, naplesladybug@yahoo.com.

Save the Dates! Operation InAsMuch service day March 7, 2015. More info to come.

Mission Partners—Are you a part of an outside organization that helps the community in some way? Would your organization benefit by partnering with our send Team? Contact Terry for more information.

RECOVERY MEETINGS



Men's Recovery Leader: Scott Thornton Scotthardythornton@yahoo.com

Women's Recovery Leader: Sarah McMillan smcmillan@egracechurch.com

Monday: CA at 8:00pm

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Wednesday: 12 Steps for Christians for Men at 8:00pm
12 Steps for Christians for Women at 8:00pm

Thursday: AA at 7:00pm

Friday: AA at 8:00pm

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Doing something **well** requires time to prepare, commitment of the team and individuals, training of individuals and did I mention time. We are still looking for childcare volunteers and others as well.

GRACE CHURCH...*one church in many locations!*

CAPE CORAL CAMPUS

13 SE 21st Place
Cape Coral, FL 33990
239.574.7161

Worship Times:

8:30AM - Traditional
10:00AM - Contemporary
11:30AM - Contemporary

FORT MYERS CENTRAL CAMPUS

2415 Grand Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901
239.334.3160

Worship Times:

8:30AM - Traditional
10:00AM - Contemporary
(WED) 6:30PM - Contemporary

FORT MYERS SHORES CAMPUS

14036 Matanzas Drive
Fort Myers, FL 33905
239.694.2797

Worship Times:

8:30AM - Traditional
10:00AM - Contemporary

GRACE COMMUNITY CENTER

4151 Hancock Bridge Pkwy
North Fort Myers, FL 33903
239.656.1320

Worship Times:

10:00AM - Contemporary

GCC THRIFT STORE

4151 Hancock Bridge Pkwy
North Fort Myers, FL 33903
239.656.0122

Hours:

Tues-Sat: 10AM - 4PM
Wednesdays: 10AM - 5:30PM

FMC THRIFT STORE

2415 Grand Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901
239.244.5712

Hours:

Fri-Sat-Sun-Mon
10AM - 3PM



CROSS-CAMPUS

Events & Activities

Women of Faith 2014—Happening in Orlando October 10 & 11. The super line up includes Patsy Clairmont, Sheila Walsh, Anita Renfroe and more! If you are a veteran WOF'er, consider inviting someone new. Carpooling and room sharing available, contact

Robin Morrison for more details 239-340-8267.

YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

Worship Attendance by Campus September 22—28, 2014!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,494

Grace Community Center: 224

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 176

Fort Myers Central Campus: 346

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$911.30

Missions: \$120.00



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